



To: The Appropriations Committee of the CT Legislature

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Re: In support of Funding for Early Voting in Connecticut

In the November election, CT citizens spoke. The vast majority of us want our lawmakers to discuss changing the State's Constitution to allow for Early Voting. And now, that needs to happen! Here are some reasons why:

- The average number of days of EV nationwide is 23. TWENTY THREE DAYS of early voting before each election.
- CT cannot continue to lag on voting rights. We are one of only FOUR states in this country that do not offer early voting. It's time to consider changing that.
- We need convenient options for elderly, working families, and disabled populations. People have commitments; kids to take care of. Elderly parents. Job scheduling commitments and constraints. They have to work around ALL of these things in planning how and when they will vote.
- The Legislature needs to consider providing early mornings, later evenings, and especially multiple weekends so that people can get to the polls!
- We must guarantee fairness in access to the polls... in ALL CT towns
- Need adequate budget to
 - Pay election officials,
 - Educate and communicate with voters about this access,
 - Run these operations securely.
- The overwhelming referendum results should be confirmed with fast action, including concrete steps for 2023, so we are prepared for 2024 Federal elections.
- We MUST update3 TABULATORS to avoid system failures now and to look to future needs

Thank you for considering this testimony and taking action as soon as possible!

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